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SUBJ: WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE ISSUES COMMUNIQUE NO. 7

1. THE EMBASSY HAS ACQUIRED COMMUNIQUE NO. 7 OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE, DATED FEBRUARY 16, 1977. IN BRIEF, THE COMMUNIQUE COVERS THE FOLLOWING:

2. COMMENTING ON THE COUNCIL OF STATE'S FEBRUARY 3 DECISION TO GRANT PARDONS TO THOSE CONVICTED OF CRIMES IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUNE 25, 1976, EVENTS, THE WDL GREET'S "THE COUNCIL OF STATE'S DECISION WITH SATISFACTION AS THE FIRST STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF RECTIFYING THE HARM DONE TO THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN THE WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE."  
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DEMONSTRATIONS." THE WDL CRITICIZES THE JANUARY 31 SUPREME COURT DECISION WHICH HELD EACH OF THOSE FOUND GUILTY OF CHARGES STEMMING FROM THE RADOM EVENTS INDIVIDUALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL DAMAGES AND FINES. THE WDL DEMANDS: (A) THE RETURN TO WORK OF ALL THOSE FIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN DEMONSTRATIONS; (B) COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL; (C) AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE REPRESSION AND ALL OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH THE WORKER

PROTESTS OF JUNE 25, 1976; (D) INVESTIGATION AND PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKING THE LAW, TORTURING, AND BEATING WORKERS. WHEN THIS IS DONE, DECLARES THE COMMUNIQUE, THE WDL WILL LOSE ITS RAISON D'ETRE. ADDITIONALLY, THE WDL CALLS FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE "THESE BURNING AND UNSETTLING SOCIAL PROBLEMS."

3. THE COMMUNIQUE LISTS THE FIRST 12 PEOPLE RELEASED FROM PRISON AS A RESULT OF THE FEBRUARY 3 PARDON. ADDITIONALLY, THE NAMES OF FOUR PEOPLE KILLED IN RADOM DURING THE JUNE RIOTING ARE GIVEN. ACCORDING TO THE WDL, THERE WERE SEVERAL SUICIDES IN RADOM DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE HARSH REPRESSION OF THE RIOTS.

4. THE COMMUNIQUE LISTS OTHER TRIALS NOW UNDERWAY AND WDL INVOLVEMENT. THE WDL HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION CONCERNING 493 CASES; IT HAS PROVIDED LEGAL AID TO 86 PEOPLE, MEDICAL AID TO 21, AND FINANCIAL AID, TOTALLING 1,076,000 ZLOTIES, TO 242. OF 252 VICTIMS OF "REPRESSION" AT URSUS, THE WDL HAS CONTACT WITH 125. IT HAS AIDED 65 FAMILIES IN LODZ, WHERE, THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTS, FALSE WDL DOCUMENTS HAVE APPEARED. IN PLOCK, THE WDL HAS PROVIDED LEGAL AID TO 11 PEOPLE AND FINANCIAL AID TO 16 FAMILIES. OF 81 CASES OF REPRESSION IN GDANSK, THE WDL HAS CONTACT WITH 11. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMUNIQUE GIVES A CHRONOLOGY OF THE JUNE EVENTS AS THEY OCCURED IN GRUDZIADZ, WHERE THE WORKERS OF SHOP NO. 1 OF THE POMORSKI CASTING AND GLAZING WORKS (ZAKLAD 1 POMORSKIEJ ODLEWNI I EMALIE - POIE) STRUCK.

5. THE COMMUNIQUE LISTS THOSE OFFICIALS WHO WERE "ESPECIALLY ACTIVE IN REPRESSIONS AGAINST THE WORKERS."

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6. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO CHRONICLES OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES AGAINST WDL MEMBERS AND THE RESULTING LEGAL PROCESSES.

7. THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT A RECENT "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW WITH JACEK KURON EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEWS. AS A RESULT OF MANY "DISTORTIONS" WHICH APPEARED IN THE INTERVIEW, KURON SENT A CORRECTION TO "LE MONDE" ON FEBRUARY 11.

8. THE COMMUNIQUE ENDS WITH AN APPEAL FOR THE VICTIMS OF OFFICIAL REPRESSION TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE WDL AND LISTS 23 MEMBERS, WITH ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

9. COMMENT: THE WDL IS SAVORING THE VICTORY REPRESENTED BY THE FEBRUARY 3 PARDON. ONE SOURCE TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT WANT TOO MUCH MADE OF IT PUBLICLY IN ORDER TO PREVENT A HARD CRACKDOWN BY THE AUTHORITIES. THEIR FINAL GOAL REMAINS TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY. END COMMENT.

10. KURON'S APARTMENT WAS TODAY DESCRIBED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER AS A MADHOUSE, WITH TELEPHONES CONSTANTLY RINGING AND PEOPLE QUEUING UP TO SEE HIM. IN ONE INCIDENT, A WOMAN REPORTEDLY ASKED KURON TO FORCE HER FORMER HUSBAND TO PAY HER ALIMONY. "YOU CAN DO ANYTHING", SHE SAID, "EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF YOU, EVEN GIEREK." ASKED ABOUT OFFICIAL HARASSMENT OF THE WDL, KURON TOLD AN EMBASSY SOURCE THAT THEY ARE NOT REALLY BEING HARASSED INASMUCH AS "NONE OF US IS IN JAIL."

11. THE EMBASSY IS FORWARDING COMMUNIQUE NO. 7 TO THE DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION EUR/EE ALAN THOMPSON.  
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